

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2147 - SB 2328

February 3, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Merges the University of Tennessee system into the State Board of Regents system and abolishes the UT Board of Trustees. Gives the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) the power to terminate programs, departments, academic divisions, branch operations and other activities of the various institutions of higher learning.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- there would be some cost savings to higher education if administrative staff is reduced due to the consolidation of the two systems. There would also be some cost savings due to abolishing the UT Board of Trustees for travel and related expenses.
- an insignificant effect on higher education by granting THEC the authority to terminate programs, departments, etc. of the various institutions, since both the State Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee already work with THEC in eliminating duplicative programming and low producing programs.
- a one-time increase in expenditures due to the cost of changing to a common accounting system and a common computer programming system in order to make the UT and the Board of Regents systems compatible.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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